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## ALMA COLLEGE ENROLLS MANY NEW STUDENTS

LOSSES OF THE YEAR ARE MORE  
THAN OFFSET BY NEW  
STUDENTS.

### Enrollment Now At High Peak

In spite of the usual losses of students during the college year, which seemingly is more prevalent with many institutions this year than in former ones, the attendance at Alma College is now the largest that it has been in the history of the institution.

The losses that the college has had during the year so far have been more than made up by new enrollments at the beginning of the second semester this week, over 230 students now being registered, against a former high mark of 227.

Many of the small colleges in various parts of the country have sustained unusually heavy losses this year. One of Michigan's smaller institutions, in particular, has reported a loss of fifty students over the enrollment at the start of the college year.

Thus it is indicated that the enrollment at Alma College and its growth is a steady, healthy and increasing one.

It has also been announced this week that in view of the contemplated construction of the new gymnasium building at the College that a change has been made in the building committee, which consisted of Francis King, W. O. Hughart, Jr., and Mrs. Lancashire. Mr. Hughart has been made chairman of the committee, on which Mrs. Lancashire and Mr. King are retained, and it has been increased in size by the addition of W. W. Tanner of Saginaw and Mrs. John F. Dodge of Detroit.

### Trueblood Gives Fine Interpretation

Last Friday evening, Professor Trueblood, who is head of the department of Public Speaking in the University of Michigan, gave a very fine reading and interpretation of the play, "Ingomar the Barbarian," before a large and enthusiastic audience.

This entertainment was given under the auspices of the Presbyterian Brotherhood and was much enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough to hear it. Professor Trueblood came to Alma as one of the speakers on the University Extension course, and while he had never before appeared before an Alma audience, he was well known through his work at the University to many of the people present.

The presentation speech was made by Prof. Hamilton of Alma College, a former pupil of Prof. Trueblood. In replying to this introductory speech, Prof. Trueblood brought the greetings of the University to Alma College and spoke of the many students from Alma College who have taken graduate work and degrees from the U. of M.

After a few preliminary remarks in which he spoke of the play "Ingomar the Barbarian," as one of the strongest in his judgment outside the Shakespearean plays, Prof. Trueblood introduced the principal characters of the play and especially commented upon the great strength and courage of the principal female character, Parthenia, comparing her in this regard to some of the famous Shakespearean female characters.

The play itself, the scene of which is laid in Massilia, in the south of France, during the invasion of the Alemanni, is strongly written and displays to advantage the moral courage and strength of character of Parthenia, as well as portraying vividly the historical setting of the time. Ingomar the Barbarian is chief of the Alemanni. Parthenia's father, an old armorer, is taken by this savage tribe, and carried away to the mountains and held for ransom. Parthenia, unable to raise the ransom, goes to the mountains and offers herself as a ransom for her father. The ransom is accepted and the remainder of the play centers around the two characters, Ingomar and Parthenia. Ingomar, interested in the girl, but counting all women as slaves, finally falls deeply in love with her, without comprehending what love means. This lesson he is finally taught, however, through the cleverness and moral courage of Parthenia, and he finally leaves his followers and his mountains to go with Parthenia to Massilia.

The interpretation of the various characters of this play given by Prof. Trueblood was very fine and realistic, and the whole entertainment was much enjoyed by all present.

Buck Jones in "Bar Nothing"—Strand Saturday.—advertisement

### Alfalfa Will Clean Thistles and Weeds

Alfalfa is a weed enemy, especially to Canadian thistle. In the early stages of growth of alfalfa, weeds are a menace. After the crop becomes established, it in turn, cleans the land of nearly all bad weeds, except quack grass.

The Canada thistle has long been a dreaded enemy of the farmer. Within the last few years many farmers have reported complete success in eradicating large areas of Canada thistle by growing alfalfa. The rapid and dense growth of alfalfa after each of the two or more cuttings it annually receives, greatly weakens the Canada thistle plants. They gradually die and at last the entire field of alfalfa is free. The success with which this may be accomplished is entirely dependent on securing a good thick stand of alfalfa.

Dense growths of Canada thistle may be controlled by plowing deep in the fall, then plowing again in the spring. With frequent harrowing, the thistles should be well subdued by the last of June. Then after the land is carefully inoculated, manured and otherwise put in the best condition, the alfalfa seed may be sown alone without a nurse crop at the rate of 20 to 25 pounds to an acre. When the alfalfa has grown eight or nine inches the Canada thistles and other weeds may be abundant, and close clipping the field not later than Sept. 1 is advisable. The next year the thistles will come again, but the alfalfa soon develops an overmastering growth and with the frequent cuttings the crop receives seldom takes more than three years to eradicate the thistles.

## BIG RAPIDS FORFEITS

ALMA HIGH GAINS DEBATE BY  
FORFEIT MADE YESTERDAY  
AFTERNOON.

Alma High's scheduled debate with Big Rapids Friday evening on the question of the closed shop in American industry has been forfeited to Alma High by the Big Rapids Debating Trio, which because of a previous meeting with the local forensic artists became convinced that it had little chance for a victory.

Word of the forfeiture of the debate was received Wednesday afternoon in a telephone message from Big Rapids by Coach Van Hosen of the Alma team.

The forfeiture is the equivalent of a unanimous decision of the judges, making four debating contests that have come to the local team this year by such decisions. The forfeiture also gives the local team sixteen points in the debating league, the highest honor that could be secured in four debates.

### College Chorus Gives "Rose Maiden"

Wednesday evening, in the college chapel, the college chorus under the direction of Prof. Beausang gave a fine rendition of "The Rose Maiden." The soprano solos were sung by Miss Fromilda Young, a student at the college, the tenor solos, by Don Smith and the baritone solos by Prof. Beausang. All were very well rendered. The chorus work showed careful training and reflected great credit upon the director. The chapel was well filled by an enthusiastic audience who greatly enjoyed the entertainment.

### SEEK TO GIVE AID

At the state retail lumber dealers convention held in Flint last week, which was attended by local dealers, the convention expressed itself as being desirous of increasing building by marketing lumber at prices as low as consistent with a reasonable return on the investment by reducing overhead and giving service and building help that will enable the builder to receive the maximum of value for his investment, and also to induce people who need buildings to build, thus helping to bring about an improvement in the business situation.

### POTLUCK SUPPER FOR CONGREGATION

Next Thursday evening a potluck supper will be held in the Presbyterian church at 6:30 o'clock. All members of the congregation and their friends are invited. After supper a program including music, the discussion of the prayer meeting topic and games will be enjoyed.

### Notice to Members of The Alma Chamber of Commerce

The annual meeting of the Alma Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday evening, February 28 at 7:30 p. m. at the high school auditorium for the election of directors and such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

31-c. H. E. Reece, Secretary.

## CAVALRY UNIT TO STAGE BIG SHOW FRIDAY

"BETTY'S CAMPAIGN" IS NAME  
OF POLITICAL COMEDY TO  
BE GIVEN.

### Horses To Be Used On Stage

"Betty's Campaign" will be the big home talent offering at the Strand Theatre Friday night when this clever satire on politics will be offered by about thirty men of Troop C—106th Cavalry.

Fun in big doses will be presented in a play brimming over with ridiculous situations showing the struggle of the men to regain the ballot they have lost. The action occurs in the year 1950 and shows the topsy turvy conditions—the men in petticoats and the women abusing their ballots. One of the features of the play will be the appearance of the cavalry boys in the roles of women. The leading lady and other female parts will be impersonated by an all male cast. Four of the troops best mounts will appear on the stage—and the horses are rehearsing for their parts as earnestly as the cavalrymen themselves.

Among those who will have leading parts are Lieut. Frank Kennedy as Jack Voter, the reformer of the men; Paul Bragge as Kate Graft the political boss; Leon Stinecomb as Cal Jordan, a candidate for mayor who bosses her husband, Adolph, impersonated by Bradley Sartor. Evert Giles as Eddie Monmorency, Clarence Bliss as Bertie, and Dwight Reed, as Bertie's husband, have good comedy parts. Ariot will be created by L. G. Fuller and Caris Sartor as the twins. Other boys who have parts are Gerald Sawyer, Verne Walker, Louis Ritter, Harry Wilson, Wm. Grover, and Ellis Hopkins as "Whiskers" Jones, a comedy old man part. Messrs Sawyer and Wilson will stage a dramatic sketch, "His Bargain," a gripping little drama of the war. This will be given between acts. The role of "Betty" is to be handled by Roy Innes, director of the play and his impersonation promises to be interesting.

Here is one affair that the Alma public should turn out and support as the Cavalry Unit deserves the full support of all the townspeople in its worthy efforts.

### Dairy Convention in Saginaw Soon

Michigan dairymen will be interested in the annual Convention and Dairy show which is to be held in the Municipal auditorium, Saginaw, February 11-17, under the auspices of the Michigan Allied Dairy Association, which numbers among its affiliations such organizations as the State Farm Bureau, the Michigan Milk Producers Association etc.

In the class of commercial exhibits, everything from a simple milking stool to the most intricate apparatus used in modern dairy establishments of all kinds will be shown and which will occupy 5000 sq. ft. of floor space.

The United States Department of Agriculture exhibit, first shown at the National Dairy Show at St. Paul in October, will be on display. This exhibit visualizes in a manner never before attempted, and step by step the important economical factors that are involved in the successful and profitable production and marketing of milk and milk products.

The Dairy Department of the M. A. C. and the bureau of Dairying of the State Department of Agriculture have prepared a joint exhibit reflecting the importance and verification of the dairy industry in Michigan, and together with the U. S. Department of Agriculture Exhibit and that of the commercial exhibits constitutes a contribution of organized dairying in Michigan never before attempted and which clearly reflects the progress of the industry and its importance to successful agriculture in this state.

The cream of available material in the form of speakers of state and nation-wide reputation along dairy lines, has been obtained for the several programs among which are The Hon. Milo D. Campbell, Coldwater, President of the American Milk Producers Federation; Judge M. D. Munn, Chicago, President of the National Dairy Council; E. B. Heaton, Chicago, Secretary of the Dairy Marketing Committee of Eleven, of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Roy C. Potts, Washington, D. C., in charge of the Dairy Marketing Division of the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, U. S. Department of Agriculture; Prof. O. E. Reed, Head of the Dairy Department, Michigan Agricultural College; Hon. Herman H. Halladay, Commissioner State Department of Agriculture, etc.

### Fine Arts Quartet Gives Good Program

The fifth number of the Lyceum course was given at the high school auditorium, Tuesday evening before a good audience. This number consisted of a musical program, vocal and instrumental, given by the Fine Arts Quartet. The program was varied and much enjoyed. Solos by the different members, quartets, duets, and piano selections, both humorous and serious, sacred and secular, furnished a treat for all music lovers. Perhaps the best features of the evening were the piano solos played by Miss Smith, and the quartet from the Rose Maiden as well as the gypsy program which was given in costume and closed the entertainment.

### PROF. HAMILTON SPEAKER

Last Tuesday evening the regular potluck supper for the officers and teachers of the Presbyterian Sunday school was held in the church basement. An unusually large number attended. Prof. Roy Hamilton gave an interesting address suggesting ways in which to improve the Sunday school work. Supt. McFadden announced that in its first month of the efficiency campaign the Sunday school had attained a grade of 75 per cent. Nothing less than 100 per cent will be aimed at during the next four weeks.

## SENIOR CLASS TO STAGE PLAY

ALMA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS TO  
PRESENT PLAY "STOP  
THIEF."

The early part of this week it was announced from the high school that the forthcoming senior play, "Stop Thief," is to be given February 24, the last Friday in this month.

Miss Elizabeth Wells, head of the English Department at the high school, and the students who act in the production have been working daily on the different scenes. From the very first practice several weeks ago, rapid progress has been made and at the present time the play has entered the finishing stage in which an intensive polishing process is being pushed in a conscientious effort to give Alma people a worthwhile amateur production. Circumstances favor this aim by supplying an experienced director of recognized ability and a cast of superior merit by virtue of its past experience.

The play which Alma recreation lovers are going to see is one of the very best in the comedy field. It has had an illustrious past on Broadway and throughout the country, and comes to Alma a heralded success. The senior class is paying a rather high royalty for the privilege of presenting it to the public here, but this same body is confident that this same public will appreciate their high aims in making this outlay. In addition to this unusual expense the officials in charge of stage direction and settings are determined to spare no cost in the matter of appropriate settings. These officials realize that the scenery heretofore used should long ago have been junked and on these grounds are proceeding to lay plans for entirely new stage properties.

### Starving in the Midst of Plenty

"We are all beggars sitting on bags of gold," is the maxim on which a certain recent popular novel is based, and in the same way, according to Michigan health workers, there are in this state many children who are starving though their homes are supplied with all the food they could want.

In Detroit recently out of 1,441 children examined, 859 were found to be suffering from mal-nutrition. Most of these children were from well-to-do families and they could get plenty of food, but they did not get the right kind of food. Clinics show that the same thing is true in practically every city in the state.

The trouble lies with the selection of food. What is usually needed is more milk, more vegetables, and more fruit of the citrus variety. Among fresh vegetables the leafy kind, such as greens, lettuce, cabbage, etc., are advised. Oranges, grapefruit, and lemons should be more commonly used and all children should drink at least a quart of milk a day. Mal-nutrition among children is one of the most important causes of the spread of tuberculosis, and hence the Michigan Tuberculosis association is taking a deep interest in the subject.

Commencing December 26 we will do custom grinding. Call us for prices. Alma Elevator Co., 208 Woodworth ave.—advertisement 311f

Buck Jones in "Bar Nothing"—Strand Saturday.—advertisement

## REV ANDERSON NEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH PASTOR

ASSUMED CHARGE OF NEW  
FIELD HERE WITH LAST  
SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

### Came To Alma From Paw Paw

Rev. H. H. Anderson of Paw Paw has accepted a call from the Christian church of this city, and assumed charge of the pastorate here this past Sunday.

Monday evening a reception of welcome for the new minister and his family was held in the East Superior Street Christian church. At 6:30 a hundred friends and members of the church sat down for a dinner in the church basement, which had been prepared by the ladies of the church. After the dinner an hour was spent in a "get acquainted" meeting, and then the members were called to order for the annual meeting and the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Rev. Anderson comes to the Alma church from Paw Paw, where he had charge of a pastorate for two years. He has also been the pastor of the Christian church at Cadillac. His other work in ministerial fields has been in Ohio.

Rev. Anderson comes to the Alma church with an excellent record and the members of the local society feel certain that he will make his good record much better in the field that he has here.

### Pamphlet Shows T. B. Decrease

Mrs. V. H. Shepard recently received a letter from Chas. J. Hatfield, managing director of the National Tuberculosis Association, expressing sincere thanks and appreciation for helpful cooperation in the nation wide movement for the prevention of tuberculosis, and enclosing a pamphlet entitled "United We Stand," from which we quote the following:

"When the National Tuberculosis Association was organized in 1904 the death rate from tuberculosis was slightly over 200 per 100,000 population. Armament for the fight against tuberculosis was meagre; a few scattered sanatoria, for the most part poorly equipped; a handful of tuberculosis workers and specialists; less than a half-dozen working associations; hardly a score of clinics; no nurses; no open air schools and practically no aroused public sentiment.

"As the year 1921 closes, the death rate from tuberculosis is nearing the remarkably low level of 100 per 100,000 population, a cut of 50 per cent; in less than twenty years. Now the fighting equipment against tuberculosis consists of more than 700 well equipped sanatoria, thousands of enthusiastic workers, 1,200 tuberculosis associations, over 600 tuberculosis clinics and a large number of traveling dispensaries and clinics, thousands of tuberculosis nurses, several thousand open air schools and fresh air classes, and a thoroughly aroused public opinion on the need for control of the disease.

"What has been the reason for this remarkable reduction in the tuberculosis death rate? Authorities everywhere are agreed that the organized campaign against tuberculosis has been the most potent influence in the reduction of the death rate. The secret of this organization has been co-ordinated, united effort. The organized movement has been held together and promoted by the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal. This little sticker has furnished the munitions of war. Starting as a local experiment in 1907, the Seal has gradually established itself until today it is the most potent and valuable means for raising money for the campaign against tuberculosis.

"The time will come when it will be a disgrace for an American community to have a death rate from tuberculosis of over 100 per 100,000 population, just as today it is a disgrace for any community to have a death rate from typhoid fever of over 5 per 100,000. That time will come much more quickly, if the tuberculosis movement continues to maintain its united front. The success of the tuberculosis movement will be continued by the united effort of national, state and local associations."

### HORSES WANTED

We will buy horses at the East End Feed Barn, Alma, on Saturday, Feb. 11. Weight from 1200 up. Age from 4 years old up. Bring them in, rain or shine.

Weinburg Bros., advertisement Detroit, Michigan

### Farm Leaders Say "Worst is Over."

That agriculture has passed the worst stage of its depression and that gradual improvement will be noted during the coming season was the prediction made by two of America's leading authorities on agricultural economics in messages delivered last week before the guests at the Michigan Agricultural College Farmers Week.

"In common with other farmers, you in Michigan have suffered severely because of the relatively low prices of your crops and livestock during the past year," said H. C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture. "We cannot reasonably expect the immediate return of highly prosperous conditions, but I believe that the worst is over and that from now there will be gradual improvement. Nineteen twenty-two should be a better year for farmers than was nineteen twenty-one."

David Friday, President-elect of M. A. C., said, "Agriculture has passed the worst of this depression. Next season's prices of farm products and prices of things the farmer buys will be more nearly balanced."

Both Friday and Wallace were prevented by important business at Washington from being present at the conference, but both wired messages to be read before the assembled farmers.

Attendance figures for the week again ran above 5,000, practically equalling the record-breaking total of 1921. Stormy weather on Thursday and Friday kept many away from East Lansing late in the week, but the crowd came in early and grew to unexpected proportions.

## CROOKS WAS THE SPEAKER

GAVE A FINE ADDRESS AT THE  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
LUNCHEON.

H. M. Crooks, president of Alma College, was the speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Alma Chamber of Commerce held Wednesday noon and gave one of the best addresses that has been given at any of the noonday luncheons since they were started. Dr. E. G. Slyter, acted as chairman of the meeting.

In his address Dr. Crooks pointed out that neither labor or capital could get along without the other and that the better the co-operation between the two the better would be the results for both. Some humorous touches to his address made it the more interesting.

The speaker for the Chamber of Commerce luncheon next Wednesday will be J. W. Kelder, superintendent of the Alma Public schools, who will talk on the matters of school interest.

The following Wednesday, February 22, William Linton, chairman of the state tax commission, is to be the speaker at the weekly luncheon. This will be a highly interesting meeting as it will bring out many tax facts, it is expected, that are not familiar to many members of the Chamber of Commerce.

### COLLECTOR COMING

Deputy Collector C. C. Rockwell will be in Alma on February 14, 15, 16, at Wright House, to assist taxpayers in filing 1921 Income Tax Returns.

Every person who is not married or married and not living with husband or wife whose net income equals or exceeds \$1000 must file a return. Every person who is married and living with husband or wife and whose combined net income of husband and wife and dependent minor children equals \$2000 must file a return.

If Gross Income equals \$5000, Returns must be filed regardless of profit or loss. Personal Exemption of single persons \$1000. Married \$2500, providing Net Income is not in excess of \$5000; in which case an exemption of \$2000 only is allowed by law.

Taxpayers are requested to have their figures in readiness so as not to require too much of the deputy's time when they call.

### MISSIONARY PAGEANT

The Mission Circle of the Baptist church will present the Missionary drama entitled "We Never Knew" in the auditorium of the church Sunday evening, February 12th, at 7 o'clock.

The principal character of the drama is Mrs. Stanley, a worldly Christian, who has never been interested in missions. In a dream 16 women of 16 different nationalities appear to her, each with her pitiful story of a life without the love of Christ.

Everybody welcome.  
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## REECE RESIGNS AS AN OFFICER OF THE C. OF C.

RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY-  
MANAGER ACCEPTED BY  
DIRECTORS.

### Leaves In The Near Future

Members of the Alma Chamber of Commerce were given a surprise Wednesday afternoon when it became known that H. E. Reece, secretary-manager of the organization since its inception a year ago, and who has aided greatly in guiding the organization through its hard organization year, made still harder because of a period of depression, had tendered his resignation to the board of directors, who accepted it to become effective after the annual meeting and at a time when a successor is selected.

Mr. Reece urged that the resignation be accepted by the board as he has other plans for the year to come and desires to clean up his connections here as rapidly as possible, so as to be free in the near future to allow the development of the plans that he has for himself.

After the resignation was placed before the board, Mr. Bahke offered the following resolution, which was supported by H. S. Babcock. It was unanimously approved by the directors.

"Whereas H. E. Reece has tendered his resignation as secretary and general manager of our Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas this resignation is made voluntarily on the part of Mr. Reece and is insisted upon by him for reasons of his own;

Therefore, be it resolved that the same be accepted. Resolved further in this action on the part of the board it expresses its confidence in the honesty, integrity and efficiency of Mr. Reece as our secretary and general manager during his connection with us and the regret we feel in his resignation which makes this action necessary."

Mr. Reece will probably resign in the near future as the captain of Troop C 106th Cavalry Michigan National Guard, but it is not expected that this action will come before he definitely leaves his place with the Chamber of Commerce or before the annual inspection of the National Guard Troop which will come in the near future.

### State Farm Groups Elected Officials

A half dozen leading Michigan farm organizations and associations elected officers for the coming year at annual business meetings held during Farmers Week at M. A. C. Results of past season's work and programs for the future were taken up at the different sessions.

Attendance at the association meetings ran ahead of former years. The Michigan Crop Improvement Association for instance, had between 300 and 400 delegates, nearly twice the number who gathered in 1921. The Beef Producers also showed a marked gain, as did all other groups.

Officers elected included: Michigan Crop Improvement Association—L. Whitely Watkins, Manchester, president; A. B. Cook, Owosso, vice president; H. C. Rath, M. A. C., secretary; G. W. Putnam, of M. A. C., supervisor of introductions and inspections. S. S. Cornair, Chesaning; Ralph Arbogast, Union City; George Starr, Grass Lake; Verold Gornley, Newberry; Earl McCarty, Bad Axe; J. W. Nicolson, State Farm Bureau; and J. F. Cox and H. C. Rath, M. A. C., are directors.

Michigan Potato Producers' Association—Thomas Buell of Elmira, president; A. B. Large, Cadillac, vice president; H. C. Moore, M. A. C., Sec'y-treasurer; J. C. Redpath, Kalamazoo, and O. S. Woods, Barryton, members of executive committee.

Michigan Beef Producers' Association—George B. Smith, Addison, president; and James Hulett, Lansing, secretary.

Michigan County Agricultural Agents—R. I. Olds, Kalamazoo Co., president; A. J. Hutchins, St. Joseph Co., vice-president; Roy Decker, Jackson Co., secretary; and Alfred Bentall, Allegan Co., treasurer.

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